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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims

in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A decentralized power supply system

for a vehicle, comprising at least one fuel cell system and other power generators,

wherein:

the at least one fuel cell system is electrically isolated from the

other power generators of the power supply system, and is dedicated to supplying

electricity to an assigned electric consuming device that is incorporated in a

structural subassembly of the vehicle; and

the at least one fuel cell system is collocated with the assigned

electric consuming device, and is mounted on or in said structural subassembly

of the vehicle.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) Power supply system according to

Claim 1, wherein said structural component comprises at least one vehicle door

on which or in which at least one fuel cell system is arranged for supplying

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electricity to an electric consuming device of the vehicle door, the consuming

device being at least one of a window lift mechanism, an outside mirror heater

and an electric mirror adjusting system.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) Power supply system according to

Claim 2, wherein said structural component comprises a vehicle seat which can

be movably fastened on the vehicle and on which or in which the fuel cell system

is arranged for supplying electricity to electric consuming devices of the vehicle

seat selected from the group consisting of an electric seat heater and an electric

seat position adjusting system.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) Power supply system according to Claim

1, comprising at least one secondary unit provided with an electric drive, on

which or in which secondary unit at least one fuel cell system is arranged for

supplying electricity to the drive, the secondary unit being an air-conditioning

compressor.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) Power supply system according to Claim

1, comprising at least one vehicle body module on which or in which at least one

fuel cell system is arranged for supplying electricity to electric consuming devices

of the vehicle body module.

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Claim 6. (Previously Presented) Power supply system according to

Claim 1, wherein the fuel cell system comprises at least one fuel cell and an

assigned fuel supply system for the at least one fuel cell.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) Power supply system according to

Claim 6, wherein the fuel supply system has at least one exchangeable fuel

storage device.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) Power supply system according to

Claim 7, wherein said fuel storage device comprises a hydrogen cartridge.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) Power supply system according to

Claim 7, wherein the fuel supply system has at least one fuel tank for

accommodating a hydrocarbon-containing liquid fuel.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) Power supply system according to

Claim 9, wherein the fuel supply system further comprises a reforming device for

conversion of fuel to hydrogen.

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

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Claim 12. (Previously Presented) A vehicle having a power supply system according to Claim 8, wherein the fuel storage device is exchangeable or fillable outside the vehicle or the component.

Claims 13.-16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) A power supply system for an electric consuming device in a motor vehicle, comprising:

a dedicated fuel cell system connected as an exclusive supply of electric power to said consuming device; wherein

said fuel cell system is electrically isolated from other power generators in said vehicle; and

said fuel cell system is collocated with said electric consuming device, in a structural component of the vehicle.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) A component part of a motor vehicle, comprising:

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an electrically actuated device which is mounted on or in said

component part; and

a fuel cell system which is isolated and self contained and is

mounted on or in said component part, collocated with said electrically actuated

device, and is dedicated to supply electric power to operate said electrically

actuated device.

Claim 19. (New) A power supply system for a vehicle having a plurality

of power consumers disposed in subassemblies of said vehicle, said power supply

system comprising:

a plurality of individual power sources which are electrically

isolated and spatially separated from each other; wherein

each of said individual power supply units is connected to supply

electric power to a respective group of consumers, which are associated

therewith; and

each group of consumers is separately located in a different

respective vehicle subassembly and is electrically isolated from other groups of

consumers;

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each of said individual power sources is collocated with the group of consumers with which it is associated, within the same vehicle subassembly which contains said group of consumers with which it is associated; and

said power sources comprise fuel cell units.